



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Center for Preventive Health
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TO: LOUISIANA WIC VENDORS

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RE: MORATORIUM ON VENDOR AUTHORIZATIONS

This notification is to inform all WIC Authorized Vendors that effective July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program will place a moratorium on new businesses requesting WIC authorization. This moratorium on vendor authorizations is critical to ensure the successful implementation of the new Federal Food Package Interim Rule by October 1, 2009, as required by the United States Department of Agriculture. These changes will require executing new vendor agreements, training all vendors, ensuring new stock requirements are met and revising vendor on-site reviews and monitoring guidelines.

The WIC Program will continue to accept applications from a currently authorized WIC Vendor who is requesting authorization for a new store location. In order to be considered for authorization, the new store location must have been authorized by the previous ownership as of February 1, 2009.